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Summary

At its forty-ninth regular session, held on 19 February 2010 and from 9 to 18 February 2011, which was the review year of a biennial cycle, the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme "Poverty eradication", taking into account its interrelationship with social integration and full employment and decent work for all. The Commission also reviewed relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups, and the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

The Commission was addressed by a keynote speaker on the priority theme of poverty eradication, and convened two high-level panel discussions: one on the priority theme, and the other on the emerging issue of "Social protection".

The Chair's summaries of the discussions on the priority theme and on the emerging issue of social protection can be accessed at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011chairperson.html.

In recognition of the priority theme "Poverty eradication" for its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions, the Commission invited the independent expert on human rights and extreme poverty of the Human Rights Council to address it and engage in a dialogue.

In connection with its review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups, the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission presented his report.

The Commission adopted draft resolutions entitled "Modalities for the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002", "Policies and programmes involving youth", "Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", "Preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family" and "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development".

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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft resolutions for adoption by the Council

1. The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995,[1] and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,[2]

Reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000,[3] the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development of 16 September 2002,[4] General Assembly resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,[5]

Noting the conclusions of the African Union Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa, held in Ouagadougou on 8 and 9 September 2004,

Recognizing the commitments made in meeting the special needs of Africa at the 2005 World Summit[6] and contained in the political declaration adopted on 22 September 2008 at the high-level meeting held at United Nations Headquarters to address Africa's development needs,[7]

Remaining concerned that Africa is the only continent currently not on track to achieve any of the goals set out in the Millennium Declaration by 2015, and in this regard emphasizing that concerted efforts and continued support are required to fulfil the commitments to address the special needs of Africa,

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* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 7-16.

[1] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[2] General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

[3] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[4] See General Assembly resolution 57/2.

[5] A/57/304, annex.

[6] See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

[7] See General Assembly resolution 63/1.

Expressing deep concern that attainment of the social development objectives may be hindered by the economic and financial crisis, as well as challenges brought about by the food and energy crisis and by climate change,

Recognizing that capacity-building, knowledge-sharing and best practices are essential for the successful implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and recognizing also the need for continued support from the international community, New Partnership for Africa's Development partners and United Nations agencies,

Bearing in mind that African countries have primary responsibility for their own economic and social development, that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized and that their development efforts need to be supported by an enabling international economic environment, and in this regard recalling the support given by the International Conference on Financing for Development[8] to the New Partnership,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[9]

2. *Welcomes* the progress made by African countries in fulfilling their commitments in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development[5] to deepen democracy, human rights, good governance and sound economic management, and encourages African countries, with the participation of stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector, to intensify their efforts in this regard by developing and strengthening institutions for governance and creating an environment conducive to attracting foreign direct investment for the development of the region;

3. *Also welcomes* the good progress that has been achieved in implementing the African Peer Review Mechanism, as reflected in particular by the number of countries that have signed up to participate in the Mechanism, the completion of the peer review process in some countries, the progress in implementing the recommendations of those reviews in some countries and the completion of the self-assessment process, the hosting of country support missions and the launching of the national preparatory process for the peer review in others, and urges African States that have not yet done so to join the peer review, as a matter of priority, and to strengthen the peer review process so as to ensure its efficient performance;

4. *Welcomes in particular* the organization of the first session of the African Union Conference of Ministers in charge of Social Development, and recalls in this regard the African Common Position on Social Integration and the Social Policy Framework for Africa, which has been endorsed by Africa's Heads of State;

5. *Welcomes* the efforts made by African countries and regional and subregional organizations, including the African Union, to mainstream a gender perspective and the empowerment of women in the implementation of the New Partnership, including the implementation of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa;

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[8] See *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[9] E/CN.5/2011/4.

6. *Emphasizes* that the African Union and the regional economic communities have a critical role to play in the implementation of the New Partnership, and in this regard encourages African countries, with the assistance of their development partners, to increase and coordinate effectively their support for enhancing the capacities of these institutions and to promote regional cooperation and social and economic integration in Africa;

7. *Also emphasizes* that progress in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development depends also on a favourable national and international environment for Africa's growth and development, including measures to promote a policy environment conducive to private sector development and entrepreneurship;

8. *Further emphasizes* that democracy, respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, transparent and accountable governance and administration in all sectors of society, and effective participation by civil society, including non-governmental and community-based organizations, and the private sector are among the indispensable foundations for the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development;

9. *Emphasizes* that the increasingly unacceptably high poverty levels and social exclusion faced by most African countries require a comprehensive approach to the development and implementation of social and economic policies, inter alia, to reduce poverty, to promote economic activity, growth and sustainable development to ensure employment creation and decent work for all, to promote education, health and social protection and to enhance social inclusion, political stability, democracy and good governance and the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, so as to ensure the achievement of Africa's social and economic objectives;

10. *Recognizes* that while social development is primarily the responsibility of Governments, international cooperation and assistance are essential for the full achievement of that goal;

11. *Also recognizes* the contribution made by Member States to the implementation of the New Partnership in the context of South-South cooperation, and encourages the international community, including the international financial institutions, to support the efforts of African countries, including through trilateral cooperation;

12. *Welcomes* the various important initiatives of Africa's development partners in recent years, and in this regard emphasizes the importance of coordination in such initiatives on Africa through ensuring the effective implementation of existing commitments, including through the African Union/New Partnership for Africa's Development African Action Plan 2010-2015;

13. *Recognizes* the regional coordination mechanism of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa in support of the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development Programme of Action, which aims to ensure coordination and coherence in the delivery of support for greater effectiveness and impact through increased joint programming and joint implementation of activities;

14. *Urges* continuous support of measures to address the challenges of poverty eradication and sustainable development in Africa, with a special emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals related to poverty and hunger, health, education, empowerment of women and gender equality, including, as appropriate, debt relief, improved market access, support for the private sector and entrepreneurship, enhanced official development assistance, increased foreign direct investment and transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms, empowerment of women in all aspects, including economic and political aspects, the promotion of social protection systems and the conclusion of the round of negotiations of the World Trade Organization;

15. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the commitments made by Governments during the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty has fallen short of expectations, and welcomes the proclamation of the Second Decade (2008-2017) by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/205 of 19 December 2007 in order to support, in an efficient and coordinated manner, the internationally agreed development goals related to poverty eradication, including the Millennium Development Goals;

16. *Encourages* all development partners to implement the principles of aid effectiveness, as recalled in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development[10] adopted by the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus on 2 December 2008;

17. *Recognizes* the need for national Governments and the international community to make continued efforts to increase the flow of new and additional resources for financing for development from all sources, public and private, domestic and foreign, to support the development of African countries;

18. *Acknowledges* the activities of the Bretton Woods institutions and the African Development Bank in African countries, and invites those institutions to continue their support for the implementation of the priorities and objectives of the New Partnership;

19. *Encourages* Africa's development partners to continue to integrate the priorities, values, and principles of the New Partnership into their development assistance programmes;

20. *Also encourages* African countries and their development partners to place people at the centre of Government development action and to secure core investment spending in health, education and social safety nets;

21. *Notes* the growing collaboration among the entities of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, and requests the Secretary-General to promote greater coherence in the work of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, on the basis of the agreed clusters;

22. *Emphasizes* the importance for the cluster working on communication, advocacy and outreach to continue to muster international support for the New Partnership and to urge the United Nations system to demonstrate more evidence of cross-sectoral synergies to promote a comprehensive approach regarding successive

[10] General Assembly resolution 63/239, annex.

phases of planning and implementation of social development programmes in Africa;

23. *Invites* the Secretary-General, as a follow-up to the 2005 World Summit, to urge the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to assist African countries in implementing quick-impact initiatives, based on their national development priorities and strategies, to enable them to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and in this respect acknowledges commitments made by development partners;

24. *Encourages* the international community to support African countries in addressing the challenges of climate change by providing the financial and technological resources and capacity-building needed to support adaptation and mitigation action;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take measures to strengthen the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, and requests the Office to collaborate with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and to include the social dimensions of the New Partnership in its comprehensive reports to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session;

26. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to discuss in its annual programme of work those regional programmes that promote social development so as to enable all regions to share experiences and best practices, with the agreement of concerned countries, and in this regard, work programmes of the Commission should include priority areas of the New Partnership, as appropriate;

27. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development should continue to give prominence to and raise awareness of the social dimensions of the New Partnership during its fiftieth session;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, to be tabled during the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, in collaboration with the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, while also taking into consideration General Assembly resolutions 62/179 of 19 December 2007, 63/267 of 31 March 2009 and 64/258 of 12 May 2010, entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support".

Draft resolution II
Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and mainstreaming disability in the development agenda*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995,[11] and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond:

* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 47-49.

[11] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held at Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,[12]

Recalling also the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,[13] the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[14] and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[15] which recognize persons with disabilities as both development agents and beneficiaries in all aspects of development,

Recalling further its previous resolutions concerning persons with disabilities and further promotion of equalization of opportunities and mainstreaming of disability in the development agenda and the relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly,

Welcoming the fact that, since the opening for signature on 30 March 2007 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto,[16] one hundred and forty-seven States have signed and ninety-seven States and one regional integration organization have ratified the Convention and ninety States have signed and sixty States have ratified the Optional Protocol, and encouraging all States that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying the Convention and the Optional Protocol,

Acknowledging that the majority of the 690 million persons with disabilities in the world live in conditions of poverty, and in this regard recognizing the critical need to address the impact of poverty on persons with disabilities,

Noting that persons with disabilities make up an estimated 10 per cent of the world's population, of whom 80 per cent live in developing countries, and recognizing the important role of international cooperation in supporting national efforts to mainstream disability in the development agenda, in particular for developing countries,

Emphasizing the importance of the collection and compilation of national data and information regarding the situation of persons with disabilities, following existing guidelines on disability statistics, that are disaggregated by gender and age, which could be used by Governments to enable their development policy planning, monitoring, evaluation and implementation to be disability-sensitive, in particular in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities, while reiterating the request to the United Nations system to facilitate technical assistance within existing resources, including the provision of assistance, in particular to developing countries, for capacity-building and for the collection and compilation of national and regional data and statistics on disabilities,

Convinced that addressing the profound social, cultural and economic disadvantage and exclusion experienced by many persons with disabilities, and promoting the use of universal design as appropriate, as well as the progressive removal of barriers to their full and effective participation in all aspects of

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[12] General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

[13] A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation I (IV), adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution 37/52.

[14] General Assembly resolution 48/96, annex.

[15] General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.

[16] Ibid., annex II.

development, and promoting their economic, social and cultural rights, will further the equalization of opportunities and contribute to the realization of a "society for all" in the twenty-first century,

Stressing that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities emphasizes the importance of international cooperation for improving the living conditions of persons with disabilities in every country, particularly in developing countries, and promotes the full realization of the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of persons with disabilities,

Underlining the importance of mobilizing resources at all levels for the successful implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and recognizing the importance of international cooperation and its promotion in support of national efforts, in particular in developing countries,

1. *Welcomes* the outcome of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[17] particularly the recognition that policies and actions must also focus on persons with disabilities so that they benefit from progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

2. *Calls upon* Member States and United Nations bodies and agencies to include disability issues and persons with disabilities in reviewing progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals and to step up efforts to include in their assessment the extent to which persons with disabilities are able to benefit from efforts to achieve the Goals;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to enable persons with disabilities to participate as agents and beneficiaries of development, in particular in all efforts towards eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensuring environmental sustainability and developing a global partnership for development, are inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities;

4. *Encourages* all Member States, concerned intergovernmental organizations, international and regional organizations and civil society, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, and the private sector, to engage in cooperative arrangements aimed at providing the necessary technical and expert assistance to enhance capacities in mainstreaming disability, including the perspective of persons with disabilities, in the development agenda, and in this regard encourages the Secretariat and other relevant bodies to find improved ways to enhance international technical cooperation;

5. *Welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development, and takes note of his report;[18]

6. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development for the period from 2012 to 2014, in accordance with the provisions set down in section 4 of the Standard Rules on the

[17] See General Assembly resolution 65/1.
[18] E/CN.5/2011/9.

Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[14] to further their promotion and monitoring, including the human rights dimension of disability, and the provisions of the present resolution, and in this regard reaffirms paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/20;

7. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to further:

(a) Raise awareness of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[15] the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons[13] and the Standard Rules;

(b) Promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities and the mainstreaming of disability issues in development programmes and strategies at the national, regional and international levels;

(c) Promote international cooperation, including technical cooperation, that is inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities, as well as the exchange and sharing of expertise and best practices on disability issues;

(d) Collaborate, in fulfilment of the above tasks, with all relevant stakeholders, including organizations of persons with disabilities;

8. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur on disability to contribute to the planned high-level meeting of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly and its preparation, taking account of the priorities of the international community in strengthening efforts to ensure accessibility for and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development efforts;

9. *Expresses concern* at the insufficiency of resources for the Special Rapporteur, and recognizes the importance of providing adequate resources for the implementation of his mandate;

10. *Encourages* Member States, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability in order to support the activities of the Special Rapporteur as well as new and expanded initiatives to strengthen national capacities for the equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities;

11. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its fiftieth session an annual report on his activities in implementing the present resolution.

Draft resolution III
Modalities for the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that, in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[19] adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to

* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 40-41.

[19] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

12 April 2002, the systematic review of its implementation by Member States was requested as being essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons,

Recalling also that, in its resolution 2003/14 of 21 July 2003, it invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a bottom-up approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Bearing in mind that, in its resolution 42/1 of 13 February 2004, the Commission for Social Development decided to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years,[20]

Recalling that, in its resolution 2010/14 of 22 July 2010, it decided that the procedure for the second review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action would follow the set procedure of the first review and appraisal exercise, further decided to conduct the second global review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action in 2013 at the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development and endorsed the theme "Full implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: social situation, well-being and dignity, development and the full realization of all human rights for older persons" for the second review and appraisal exercise,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 65/182 of 21 December 2010, on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, by which the Assembly established an open-ended working group, open to all States Members of the United Nations, for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons by considering the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and identifying possible gaps and how best to address them, including by considering, as appropriate, the feasibility of further instruments and measures,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the modalities of the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[21]

1. *Endorses* the timeline for carrying out the second review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General;[21]

2. *Invites* Member States to identify actions they have taken since the first review and appraisal exercise, with the aim of presenting this information to the regional commissions during 2012, and invites each Member State to decide for itself the actions or activities it intends to review, utilizing a bottom-up participatory approach;

3. *Encourages* Member States to establish or strengthen a national coordinating body or mechanism, as appropriate, to, inter alia, facilitate the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, including its review and appraisal;

4. *Also encourages* Member States to utilize more fully, within their specific national circumstances, a bottom-up participatory approach to review and appraisal, and invites Member States to consider utilizing in their national review

[20] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 6* (E/2004/26), chap. I.

[21] E/CN.5/2011/7.

and appraisal exercise, if they so desire, a combination of quantitative and participatory qualitative data-gathering and analysis, including, where appropriate, sharing of best practices in such data collection;

5. *Encourages* the regional commissions to continue to facilitate the review and appraisal exercise at the regional level including through consultation with relevant regional bodies, as appropriate, by:

(a) Promoting networking and the sharing of information and experiences;

(b) Assisting and providing advice to Governments in the gathering, synthesis and analysis of information, as well as in the presentation of the findings of national reviews and appraisals;

(c) Providing an analysis of the main findings, identifying key priority action areas and good practices and suggesting policy responses by 2012;

6. *Requests* the United Nations system to continue to support Member States in their national efforts for review and appraisal by providing, upon their request, technical assistance for capacity-building;

7. *Encourages* the international community, including international and bilateral donors, to enhance international cooperation, in keeping with internationally agreed goals, to support national efforts to eradicate poverty in order to ensure sustainable social and economic support for older persons, including by strengthening national capacity in the area of policy development and implementation with regard to older persons, while bearing in mind that countries have the primary responsibility for their own economic and social development;

8. *Encourages* Member States and United Nations organizations, where appropriate, to provide support to regional commissions in facilitating the review and appraisal process and organizing regional conferences to review national review and appraisal results in 2012;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its fiftieth session, in 2012, a report including the analysis of the preliminary findings of the second review and appraisal exercise, together with the identification of prevalent and emerging issues and related policy options;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its fifty-first session, in 2013, a report including the conclusions of the second review and appraisal exercise, together with the identification of prevalent and emerging issues and related policy options.

Draft resolution IV
Preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 47/237 of 20 September 1993, 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997,

* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 50-53.

54/124 of 17 December 1999, 56/113 of 19 December 2001, 57/164 of 18 December 2002, 58/15 of 3 December 2003, 59/111 of 6 December 2004, 59/147 of 20 December 2004, 60/133 of 16 December 2005, 62/129 of 18 December 2007 and 64/133 of 18 December 2009 concerning the proclamation of the International Year of the Family and the preparations for, observance of and follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family,

Recognizing that the preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family provide a useful opportunity to draw further attention to the objectives of the Year for increasing cooperation at all levels on family issues and for undertaking concerted actions to strengthen family-centred policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development,

Recognizing also that the follow-up to the International Year of the Family is an integral part of the agenda and of the multi-year programme of work of the Commission for Social Development until 2014,

Noting the active role of the United Nations in enhancing international cooperation in family-related issues, in particular in the areas of research and information, including the compilation, analysis and dissemination of data,

Noting also the importance of designing, implementing and monitoring family-oriented policies, especially in the areas of poverty eradication, full employment and decent work, work — family balance, social integration and intergenerational solidarity,

Recognizing that the overall objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes continue to guide national and international efforts to improve family well-being worldwide,

Emphasizing that it is necessary to increase coordination of the activities of the United Nations system on family-related issues in order to contribute fully to the effective implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family and the preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family[22] and the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Urges* Member States to view 2014 as a target year by which concrete efforts will be taken to improve family well-being through the implementation of effective national policies, strategies and programmes;

3. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to review annually the preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family as part of its agenda and of its multi-year programme of work until 2014;

4. *Also requests* the Commission for Social Development to consider the following themes to guide the preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family: (a) poverty eradication: confronting family poverty and social exclusion; (b) full employment and decent work: ensuring work — family

[22] A/66/62-E/2011/4.

balance; (c) social integration: advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity;

5. *Invites* Member States to consider undertaking activities in preparation for the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at the national level;

6. *Encourages* Member States to continue their efforts to develop appropriate policies to address family poverty, social exclusion and work — family balance and share good practices in those areas;

7. *Encourages* United Nations agencies and bodies, including the regional commissions, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and research and academic institutions, to work closely with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in a coordinated manner on family-related issues, including the upcoming preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;

8. *Encourages* the regional commissions, within their respective mandates and resources, to participate in the preparatory process of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and to play an active role in facilitating regional cooperation in this regard; and invites Member States, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions to support, as appropriate, the preparations for regional meetings in observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution, including a description of the state of preparation for the observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at all levels.

B. Draft decision for adoption by the Council

2. The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-ninth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-ninth session;[23]

(b) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission as set out below:

[23] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2011, Supplement No. 6* (E/2011/26).

Provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

(a) Priority theme: Poverty eradication;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on poverty eradication

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;

(iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at all levels

Report of the Secretary-General on the modalities of the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the development agenda

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development

(c) Emerging issues (*to be determined*).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the emerging issues

4. Programme questions and other matters:

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015; subprogramme 3, Social policy and development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs

5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fiftieth session.

C. Decision calling for action by the Council

3. Pursuant to the following decision, adopted by the Commission, the Economic and Social Council is requested to confirm the nomination of six candidates to the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development:

Decision 49/101
Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

The Commission for Social Development decides to nominate, for confirmation by the Economic and Social Council, the following six candidates for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development:

(a) Ping Huang (China) and Patricia Schulz (Switzerland) for a four-year term beginning on the date of confirmation by the Council and expiring on 30 June 2014;

(b) Peter Brandt Evans (United States of America), Rosalind Eyben (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Annika Sunden (Sweden), and Zenebeworke Tadesse (Ethiopia), for an additional two-year term beginning on the date of confirmation by the Council and expiring on 30 June 2013.

D. Resolution and decision brought to the attention of the Council

4. The following resolution and decision adopted by the Commission are brought to the attention of the Council:

Resolution 49/1
Policies and programmes involving youth*

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling the World Programme of Action for Youth, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/81 of 14 December 1995 and 62/126 of 18 December 2007,[24]

Emphasizing that all fifteen priority areas of the World Programme of Action for Youth are interrelated,

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* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 42-46.

[24] In paragraph 1 of its resolution 47/1, the Commission for Social Development reaffirmed the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond and the Supplement thereto as a unified set of guiding principles, to be referred to henceforth as the World Programme of Action for Youth.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 64/134 on the Proclamation of 2010 as the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, and highlighting various activities that are being carried out in this regard at the national, regional and international levels,

Stressing that the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, require the full and effective participation of young people and youth-led organizations and other civil society organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels,

Stressing also the important role of effective sectoral and cross-sectoral national youth policies, reflecting youth in all its diversity, as well as of international cooperation in promoting the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Stressing further that increased coordination and collaboration among United Nations entities and with other regional and international organizations working on youth contribute to making the youth-related work of the United Nations system more effective,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth: United Nations system coordination and collaboration related to youth",[25] and welcomes the recent increased collaboration among the United Nations entities in the area of youth development;

2. *Reaffirms* the World Programme of Action for Youth;[26]

3. *Calls upon* Member States to continue implementing the World Programme of Action for Youth as a unified set of guiding principles for policies and programmes involving youth at the national, regional and international levels;

4. *Encourages* Member States to make further efforts in strengthening their capacity to analyse the situation and well-being of young people at the national level in order to monitor progress towards the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

5. *Also encourages* Member States to collect, on a continuous basis, reliable, comparable and relevant data, disaggregated by age and sex, to use to measure progress towards the implementation and monitoring of the World Programme of Action for Youth, and requests the United Nations system to fully support national efforts in this regard upon the request of Member States;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to intensify efforts to further identify, develop and propose possible indicators to measure the progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth, in order to assist States in assessing the situation of youth, with a view to allowing them to be considered by the Commission for Social Development and by the Statistical Commission at the earliest opportunity;

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[25] A/66/61-E/2011/3.

[26] Resolution 50/81, annex, and resolution 62/126, annex.

7. *Stresses* the importance of recognizing young people as active agents in decision-making processes and for positive change and development in society, and in this regard also stresses the importance of involving them further as key stakeholders in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further improve the coherent and integrated United Nations approach with regard to youth and, through this approach, inter alia, to contribute to identifying, developing and proposing possible indicators on the World Programme of Action for Youth;

9. *Urges* Member States to involve and work together with youth-led organizations and other stakeholders, such as the private sector, to implement the World Programme of Action for Youth and share experiences and good practices in this regard;

10. *Calls upon* Member States, with the assistance of the international community, upon request, to promote the well-being of youth by developing effective national youth policies and programmes, in particular to address poverty and youth unemployment as an integral aspect of their national development agendas;

11. *Also calls upon* Member States to take concrete measures to further assist youth in situations of armed conflict, in accordance with the World Programme of Action for Youth;

12. *Further calls upon* Member States to create effective channels for cooperation and information exchange among young people, their national Governments and other decision makers, and to support the establishment and functioning of independent national youth councils or equivalent bodies, including junior parliaments, with the assistance of the United Nations system where needed;

13. *Emphasizes* the need for Member States, the international community, the United Nations system and the private sector to support youth-led organizations in achieving openness and inclusiveness and to strengthen their capacity to participate in national and international development activities;

14. *Urges* Member States to consider including youth representatives in their delegations at all relevant discussions in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions and at relevant United Nations conferences, as appropriate, bearing in mind the principles of gender balance and non-discrimination, and emphasizes that such youth representatives should be selected through a transparent process which ensures that they have a suitable mandate to represent young people in their countries;

15. *Requests* the Secretariat to consult, as appropriate, with youth-led and youth-focused organizations to ensure that various youth inputs are duly shared with the Commission for Social Development during its deliberations;

16. *Recognizes* the positive contribution that youth representatives make to the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies and their role of serving as an important channel of communication between young people and the United Nations, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to support adequately the United Nations Programme on Youth of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat so that it can continue to facilitate their effective participation in meetings;

17. *Calls upon* donors, including Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to actively contribute to the United Nations Youth Fund in order to accelerate the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth in developing countries and to facilitate the participation of youth representatives from developing countries, taking into account the need for a greater geographic balance of youth representation, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to encourage contributions to the Fund;

18. *Reiterates* that the primary responsibility for implementing the World Programme of Action for Youth lies with Member States, and stresses the need to strengthen international cooperation in support of increased national efforts to achieve its implementation, including through official development assistance;

19. *Calls upon* the United Nations Programme on Youth to continue to act as the focal point within the United Nations system for promoting further collaboration and coordination on youth-related matters;

20. *Requests* the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to further increase coordination and collaboration in their work related to youth, including through United Nations regional commissions, and to further develop methods for promoting youth participation in initiatives on youth development;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations Programme on Youth within the existing resources of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs so as to meet the increasing demands on the Programme to support, evaluate and review youth development in all its facets;

22. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution, including on the efforts to develop possible indicators to measure the progress of the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth, in order to assist States in assessing the situation of youth.

Decision 49/102
Documents considered by the Commission for Social Development at its forty-ninth session*

The Commission for Social Development takes note of the following documents that were before it at its forty-ninth session:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on promoting social integration;[27]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on poverty eradication;[28]

(c) Note by the Secretariat on emerging issues: "Social protection";[29]

* For the discussion, see chap. II, para. 63.

[27] E/CN.5/2011/2.

[28] E/CN.5/2011/3.

[29] E/CN.5/2011/8.

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on the work of the Institute during 2009 and 2010;[30]

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.[31]

[30] E/CN.5/2011/10.
[31] E/CN.5/2011/11.

Chapter II
Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

5. The Commission considered agenda item 3 at its 2nd to 9th and 11th to 12th meetings, from 9 to 14 and 17 to 18 February 2011. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the resolution on promoting social integration (E/CN.5/2011/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on poverty eradication (E/CN.5/2011/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2011/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the modalities of the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/CN.5/2011/7);

(e) Note by the Secretariat on emerging issues: "Social protection" (E/CN.5/2011/8);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (E/CN.5/2011/9);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth: United Nations system coordination and collaboration related to youth (A/66/61-E/2011/3);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond (A/66/62-E/2011/4);

(i) Statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.5/2011/NGO/1-24).

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 February, the Chief of the Social Perspective on Development Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, introduced the documentation under agenda item 3 as a whole.

Action taken by the Commission under agenda item 3 as a whole

Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

7. At the 11th meeting, on 17 February, the representative of Argentina (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (E/CN.5/2011/L.7).

8. Subsequently, Poland[32] joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

[32] In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

9. At the 12th meeting, the representative of Argentina (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), withdrew draft resolution E/CN.5/2011/L.7 and replaced it with a draft text that was circulated in an informal paper, in English only.

10. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Argentina (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) as well as by the observer for Hungary (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the associated countries).

11. At the 12th resumed meeting, the Commission agreed to the proposal of the Vice-Chair to waive rule 52 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and proceeded to act on the draft proposal entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" which was submitted by the representative of Argentina (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), on the basis of informal consultations, and circulated in an informal paper, in English only.

12. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Argentina (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).

13. Subsequently, Andorra, Austria,[32] Cyprus,[32] Finland,[32] France, Greece,[32] Ireland,[32] Italy, Luxembourg,[32] Portugal,[32] Romania,[32] Slovenia[32] and Sweden joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

14. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft proposal and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its adoption (see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution I).

15. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the observer for Hungary (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the associated countries) made a statement.

16. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

A. Priority theme: poverty eradication

17. The Commission considered agenda item 3 (a) at its 2nd to 7th meetings, from 9 to 11 February 2011.

18. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 February, statements were made by the representatives of Hungary (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the associated countries), Argentina (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)), Spain, the Russian Federation, Ghana, China and Japan.

19. At its 3rd meeting, on 9 February, the Commission heard a presentation on the priority theme by the keynote speaker, Ana Maldonado, Deputy Minister of Communal Economy, Ministry of People's Power for Communes and Social Protection of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The Commission then engaged in an interactive dialogue with the keynote speaker in which the representative of Uruguay, as well as the observer for the European Union, participated. The representative of the Triglav Circle, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also made a statement.

20. At the same meeting, the Commission continued its general discussion of item 3 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of Cameroon, Italy, the Sudan, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Arab Emirates and Brazil.

21. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Uruguay, Finland, Panama, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Algeria.

22. At the 3rd meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Company of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

23. At the 5th meeting, on 10 February, the Commission continued its general discussion of item 3 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Pakistan, Egypt, Guatemala, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Qatar, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, Andorra, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Slovakia.

24. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the observers for Mozambique (on behalf of the African Group), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Indonesia, Peru, Botswana, Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam and Australia.

25. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Baltic Sea Forum, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

26. At the 6th meeting, on 11 February, the Commission heard a presentation, via video link, by the independent expert on human rights and extreme poverty.

27. At the same meeting, the Commission continued its general discussion of item 3 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of El Salvador, India, Ethiopia, Armenia and Mexico.

28. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Yemen, Zambia, Ecuador, Swaziland, Nicaragua, Bangladesh, Iraq and the United Republic of Tanzania.

29. At its 6th meeting, a statement was also made by the representative of the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

30. At the 7th meeting, on 11 February, the Commission continued its general discussion of item 3 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of Lesotho, Nigeria, Nepal and Namibia.

31. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Mali, Belgium, Morocco and Costa Rica.

32. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

33. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration and Partners in Population and Development, as well as by the representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Panel discussion and presentation under the priority theme

34. At its 4th meeting, on 10 February, the Commission held a panel discussion on the priority theme "Poverty eradication" and heard presentations by the following panellists: Lu Mai, Secretary-General, China Development Research Foundation, Beijing; Jimi Adesina, Professor of Sociology, Rhodes University, South Africa; Isabel Ortiz, Associate Director of Policy, United Nations Children's Fund; and Pedro Sassone, Representative, Council of Delegates, Union of South American Nations, Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The Commission then engaged in an interactive dialogue with the panellists in which the representatives of Namibia, Zimbabwe, Morocco and Ethiopia, as well as the observer for the European Union, participated. The representative of the International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also made comments and posed questions. The Chair's summary of the panel discussion can be accessed at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011/chair-summary-poverty.pdf.

B. Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

35. At its 7th meeting, on 11 February, the Commission heard a presentation by Shuaib Chalklen, Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development. The Commission then engaged in an interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur in which representatives of Mexico, Qatar, Switzerland, Australia and Botswana, as well as the representatives of the European Union and the African Union, participated.

36. At the 8th meeting, on 14 February, the Commission began its general discussion of agenda item 3 (b) and heard statements by the representatives of Ghana, Cameroon, the Russian Federation, Argentina, China, Japan, Switzerland, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Republic of Korea, Italy, the United States, Mexico, Jamaica and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

37. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the observers for Hungary (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the associated countries), Kyrgyzstan, Ecuador, Thailand, the Dominican Republic, Denmark and Chile.

38. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representative of the International Labour Organization, as well as by the representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

39. At its 8th meeting, the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also spoke: International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation; the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council; and the Bahá'í International Community.

Action taken by the Commission on agenda item 3 (b)

Modalities for the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

40. At the 12th meeting, on 18 February, the Vice-Chair, Olisa Cifligu (Albania), made a statement, in which she brought to the attention of the Commission a draft resolution entitled "Modalities for the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002" (E/CN.5/2011/L.3), submitted by her on the basis of informal consultations.

41. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption (see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution III).

Policies and programmes involving youth

42. At the 11th meeting, on 17 February, the representative of the Republic of Moldova,[32] on behalf of Portugal,[32] Senegal, Andorra, Hungary,[32] Romania,[32] Sweden and Switzerland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" (E/CN.5/2011/L.4).

43. At the 12th meeting, on 18 February, the representative of Portugal,[32] on behalf of the Republic of Moldova,[32] Senegal, Austria, Belgium,[32] Czech Republic,[32] Finland,[32] France, Germany, Greece,[32] Italy, Luxembourg,[32] Poland,[32] Slovenia,[32] Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,[32] introduced a revised draft resolution entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" (E/CN.5/2011/L.4/Rev.1).

44. Subsequently, Argentina, Croatia,[32] Cyprus,[32] Denmark,[32] Guatemala, the Netherlands and Slovakia joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

45. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted draft resolution E/CN.5/2011/L.4/Rev.1 (see chap. I, sect. D, draft resolution 49/1).

46. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the observer for the Holy See made a statement.

Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and mainstreaming disability in the development agenda

47. At the 12th resumed meeting, on 18 February, the Vice-Chair, Eduardo Meñez (Philippines), made a statement and orally corrected a draft resolution entitled "Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and mainstreaming disability in the development agenda" (E/CN.5/2011/L.5/Rev.1) submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations.

48. At the same meeting, following a statement by the observer for Hungary (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the

European Union and the associated countries), the Commission adopted draft resolution E/CN.5/2011/L.5/Rev.1, as orally corrected, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its adoption (see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution II).

49. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Mexico.

Preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

50. At the 11th meeting, on 17 February, the representative of Argentina (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family" (E/CN.5/2011/L.6).

51. At the 12th meeting, on 18 February, the representative of Argentina (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), introduced a revised draft resolution entitled "Preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family" (E/CN.5/2011/L.6/Rev.1).

52. Subsequently, Poland[32] joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

53. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted draft resolution E/CN.5/2011/L.6/Rev.1 and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption (see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution IV).

C. Emerging issues: "Social protection"

Panel discussion and presentation on social protection

54. At its 9th meeting, on 14 February, the Commission held a panel discussion on emerging issues: "Social protection" and heard presentations by Michael Cichon, Director, Department of Social Security, International Labour Organization; Sarah Cook, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development; and Michael Morass, Deputy Head, Unit for External Relations, Neighbourhood Policy, Enlargement and Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance, European Commission. The Commission then engaged in an interactive dialogue with the panellists, in which the representatives of Hungary (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the associated countries), China, Morocco, Algeria, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Botswana, the Netherlands, Namibia, Nigeria and India, as well as the representative of the African Union, participated. The representatives of the World Youth Alliance and the International Federation on Ageing, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also made comments and posed questions. The Chair's summary of the panel discussion can be accessed at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011chairperson.html.

Chapter III
Programme questions and other matters

55. At its 10th meeting, on 16 February, the Commission considered agenda item 4 (a) and (b).

A. Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013

56. At the 10th meeting, on 16 February, the Chief of the Social Perspective on Development Branch in the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, made a statement regarding the draft programme of work of the Division for the biennium 2012-2013, which was circulated in an informal paper E/CN.5/2010/CRP.1.

B. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

57. At the 10th meeting, on 16 February, the Director of the United Nations Institute for Social Development reported on the work of the Institute.

Action taken by the Commission

Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

58. At its 10th meeting, on 16 February, the Commission decided to nominate, for confirmation by the Economic and Social Council, the following two candidates to serve on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2014: Ping Huang and Patricia Schulz (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 49/101).

59. Also at the same meeting, the Commission decided to renominate, for confirmation by the Economic and Social Council, the following four candidates to serve on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development for an additional two-year term expiring on 30 June 2013: Peter Brandt Evans, Rosalind Eyben, Annika Sunden and Zenebeworke Tadesse (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 49/101).

Documents considered by the Commission under agenda item 4 (b)

60. At its 12th meeting, on 18 February, on the proposal of the Chair, the Commission decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and the note by the Secretary-General on the nominations of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (see chap. I, sect. D, decision 49/102).

Chapter IV

Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Commission

61. The Commission considered item 5 of its agenda at its 12th meeting, on 18 February 2011. It had before it the provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission, as contained in document E/CN.5/2011/L.2.

62. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda and documentation for its fiftieth session (see chap. I, sect. B, draft decision).

Chapter V

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-ninth session

63. At the 12th meeting, on 18 February, Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the Commission, introduced the draft report of the Commission on its forty-ninth session (E/CN.5/2011/L.1).

64. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft report and entrusted the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur with its completion.

Chapter VI
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

65. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters on 19 February 2010 and from 9 to 18 February 2011. The Commission held 12 meetings (1st to 12th).

66. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 February, the Chair of the Commission opened the regular session and made a statement.

67. At the same meeting, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development addressed the Commission.

68. At its 2nd meeting, the Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development made a statement on the outcome of the Civil Society Forum held on 8 February 2011.

B. Attendance

69. The session was attended by representatives of 45 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in document E/CN.5/2011/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

70. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau.

71. At the 1st meeting of its forty-ninth session, held on 19 February 2010, in pursuance of decision 2002/210, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:

Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Vice-Chairs:

Andi Xhoi (Albania)
Katja Wiesbrock-Donovan (Germany)
Jimmy Blas (Philippines)
Najla Abdelrahman (Sudan)

72. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation to fill vacancies arising from the resignations of the Vice-Chairs from the Groups of Asian States, Eastern European States and Western European and other States:

Vice-Chairs:
Eduardo Meñez (Philippines)
Olisa Cifligu (Albania)
Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany)

73. Also at its 2nd meeting, on 9 February, the Commission designated the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), as Rapporteur for the session.

D. Agenda and organization of work

74. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February 2011, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2011/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: poverty eradication;
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
      (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
      (iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;
   (c) Emerging issues: social protection.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
   (a) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013;
   (b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
5. Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-ninth session.

75. At the same meeting, following an oral correction made by the Secretary of the Commission, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.5/2011/1, annex I, as orally corrected, and established time limits for statements in the general discussion.

76. Also at the same meeting, the Commission agreed that the Chair would prepare summaries of the interactive dialogue with the keynote speaker and the panel discussion to be held during the session on the priority theme.

E. Documentation

77. The list of documents before the Commission at its forty-ninth session is contained in the annex to the present report.

Annex

List of documents before the Commission for Social Development at its forty-ninth session

Symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title*
A/66/61-E/2011/3	3 (b)	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth: United Nations system coordination and collaboration related to youth
A/66/62-E/2011/4	3 (b)	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond
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